

WO-319
Girdletree Passenger Station
Girdletree
Private

c. 1885

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: GIRDLETREE PASSENGER STATION

MHT Inventory Number: WV-319

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE
TRANSPORTATION

- 2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930

- 4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE
A. RAILROAD STATION

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-319

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common GIRDLETREE PASSENGER STATION

2. Location

street & number South side of Onley Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Girdletree ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Worcester Warehousing Partnership

street & number P. O. Box 97 telephone no.:

city, town Girdletree state and zip code MD 21819

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☒ moved date of move

c. 1960

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Girdletree passenger station is located on the south side of Onley Road on the western edge of Girdletree, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story rectangular frame station faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Presently located on the property of the Worcester Warehousing Partnership, the station was moved to this site from its original location a few hundred feet away.

Built around 1885, this single-story weatherboard frame station rests on a concrete block foundation, and the structure is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Extended eaves on each side are underpinned by decorative curved brackets. The building is currently used as an office.

The south (main) elevation is a four-bay facade. Two six-over-six sash windows fill the center bays while the shallow paneled doors mark the outer openings. The window and door surrounds have a slight lintel molding.

The east and west gable ends are defined by six-over-six sash windows. A pair of small modern windows have been added to the northwest corner.

The north side of the station facing Onley Road is finished in the same fashion as the rest of the building.

The interior has been remodeled to serve as an office with little of the original fabric aside from a few doors intact.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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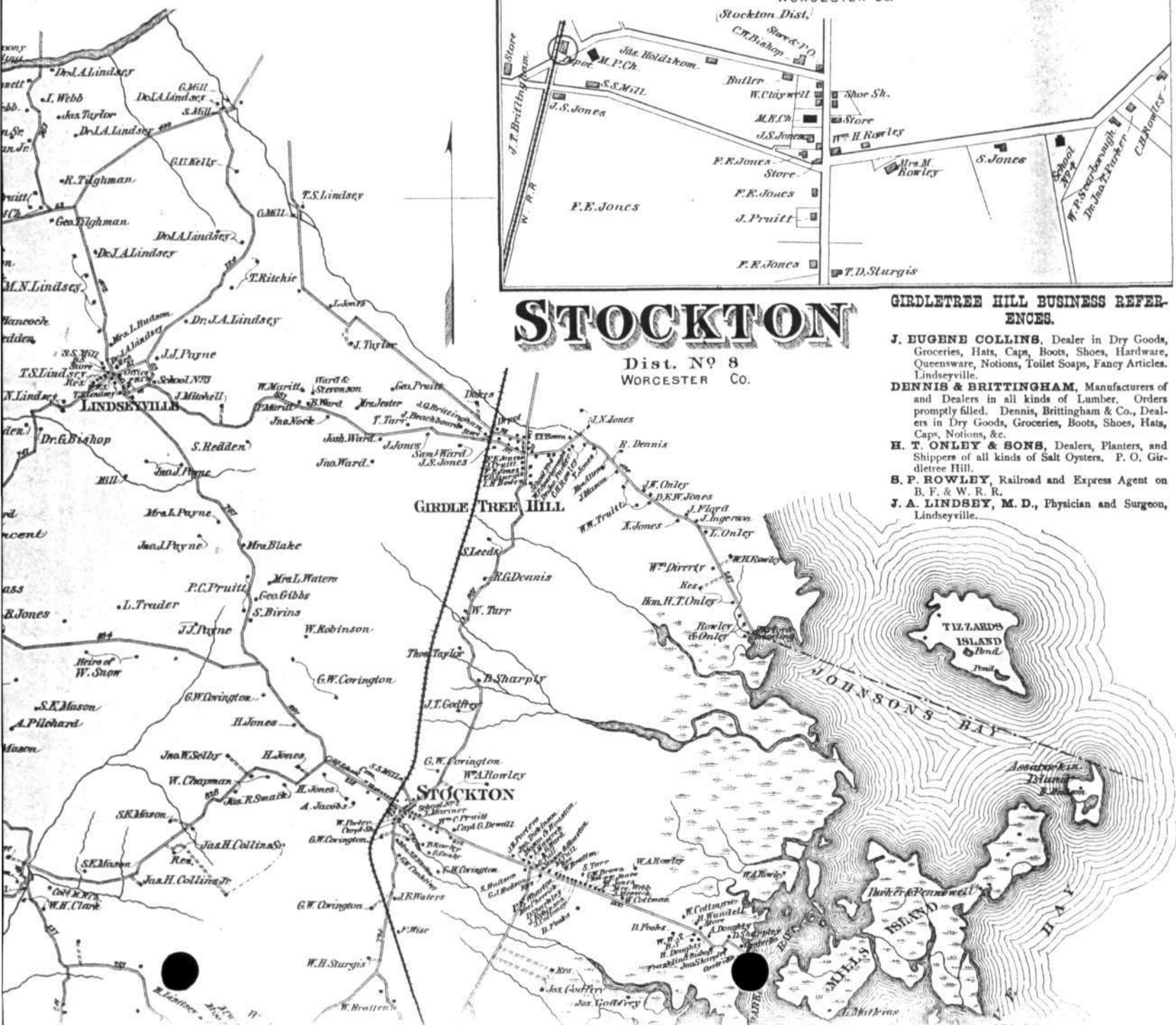


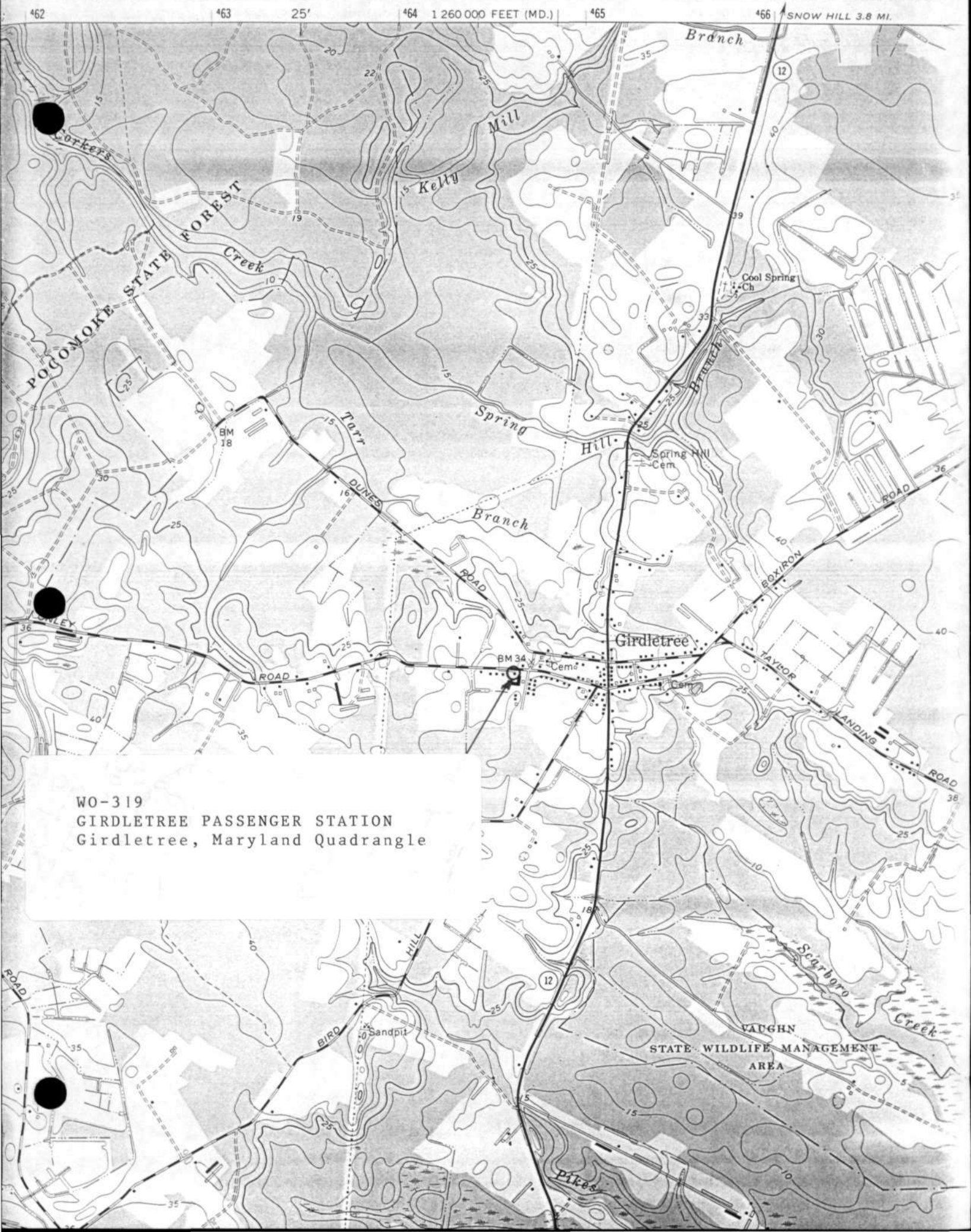
STOCKTON

Dist. No 8
WORCESTER CO.

GIRDLE TREE HILL BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- J. EUGENE COLLINS**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Notions, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles. Lindseyville.
- DENNIS & BRITTINGHAM**, Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of Lumber. Orders promptly filled. Dennis, Brittingham & Co., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, &c.
- H. T. ONLEY & SONS**, Dealers, Planters, and Shippers of all kinds of Salt Oysters. P. O. Girdle Tree Hill.
- S. P. ROWLEY**, Railroad and Express Agent on B. F. & W. R. R.
- J. A. LINDSEY, M. D.**, Physician and Surgeon, Lindseyville.





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Girdletree, Maryland Quadrangle



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